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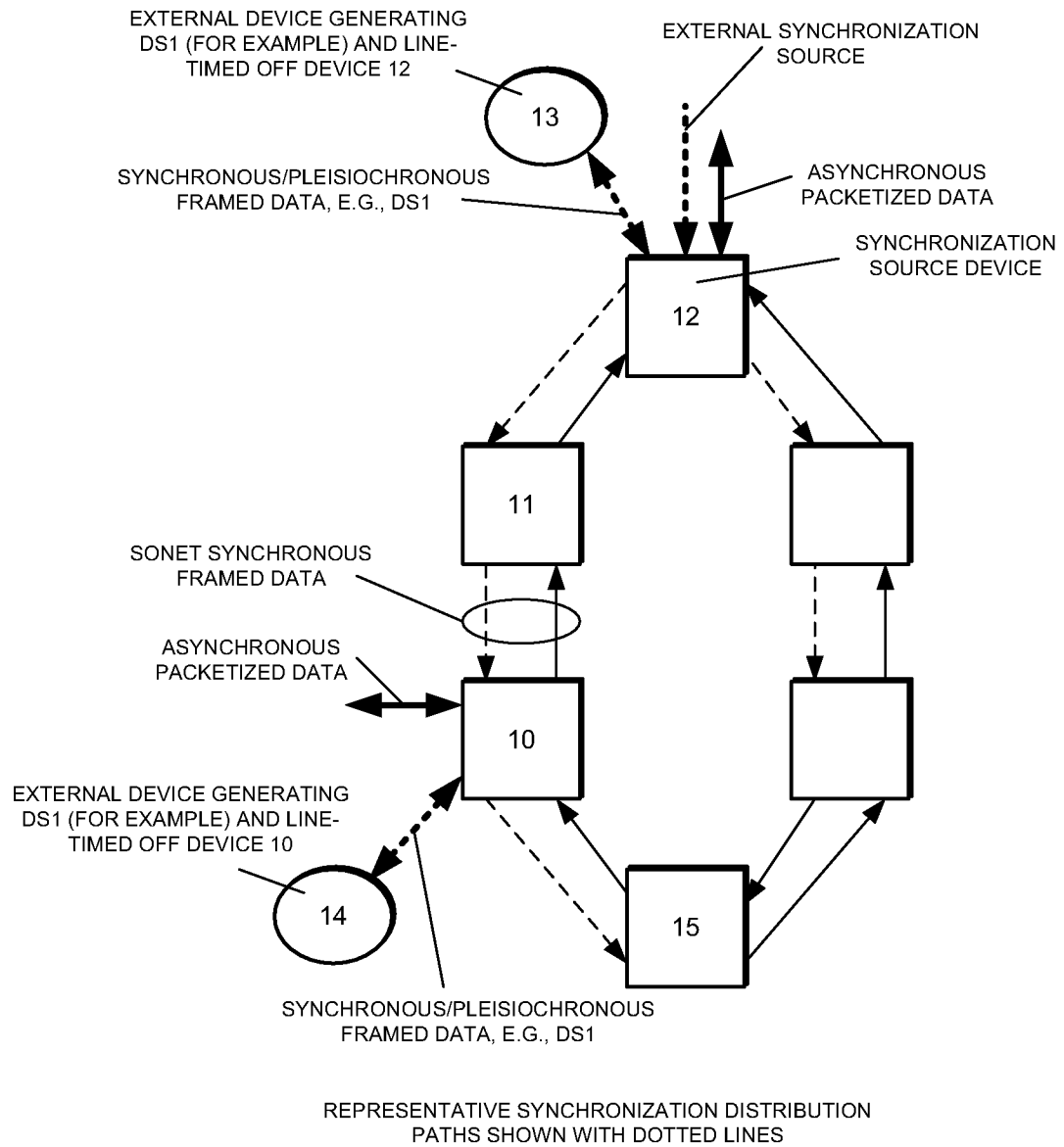
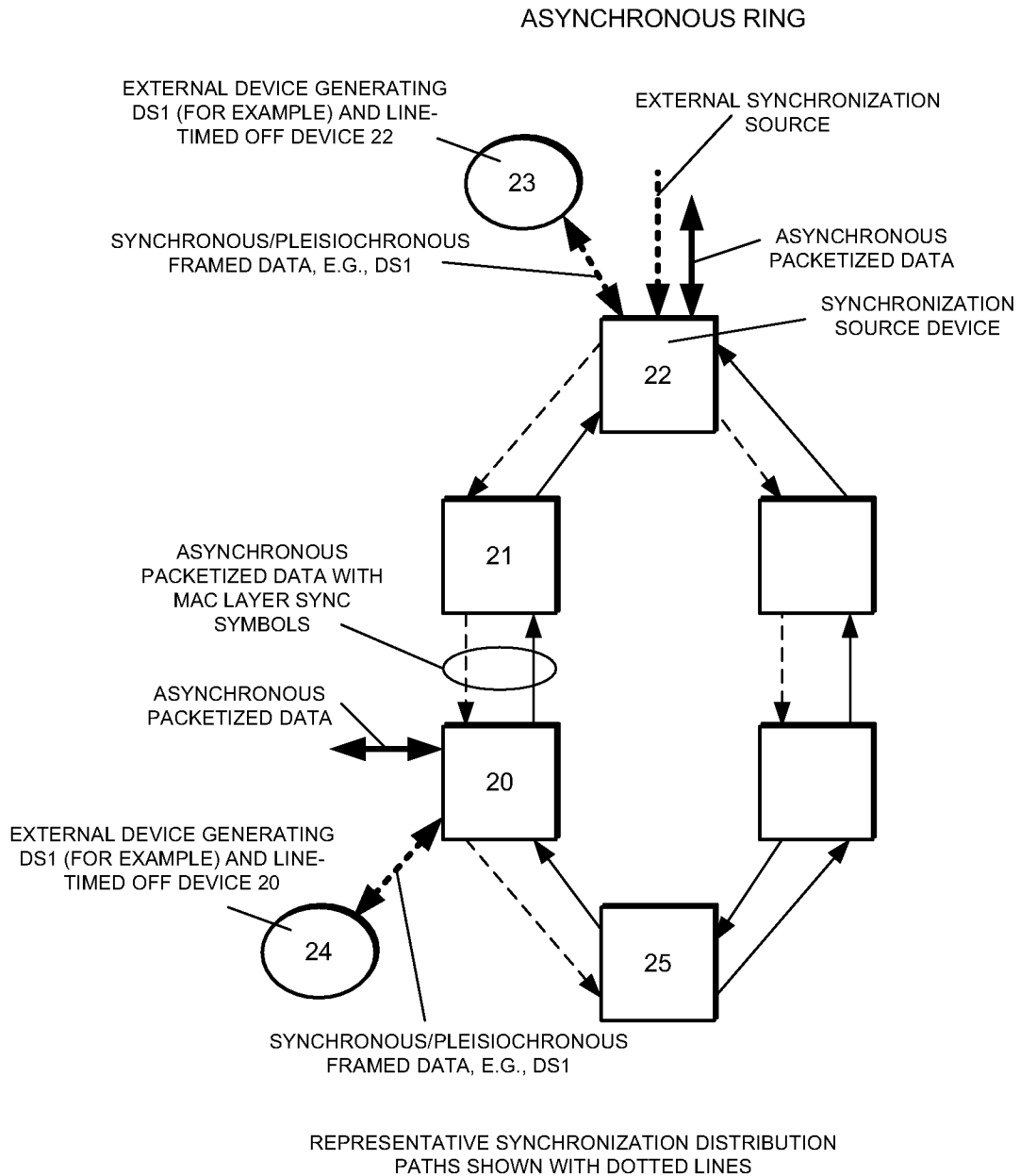


FIG. 1A





REPRESENTATIVE TRANSMISSION OF MAC DATA FRAMES WITHOUT PRIORITIZED INSERTION OF SYNCHRONIZATION SYMBOL

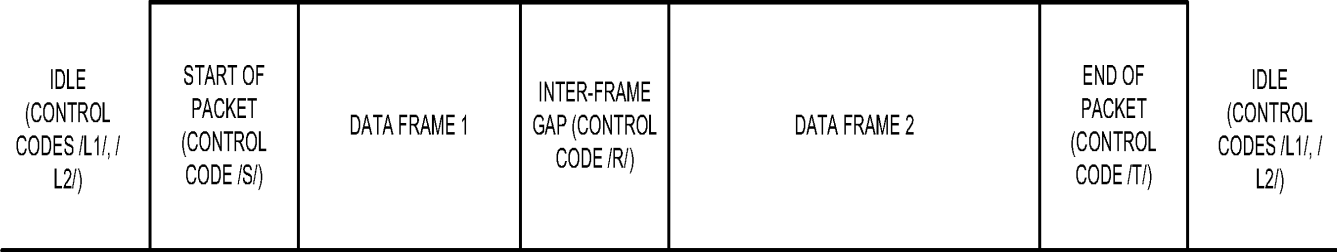


FIG. 2A

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSMISSION OF MAC DATA FRAMES WITH PRIORITIZED INSERTION OF SYNCHRONIZATION SYMBOL

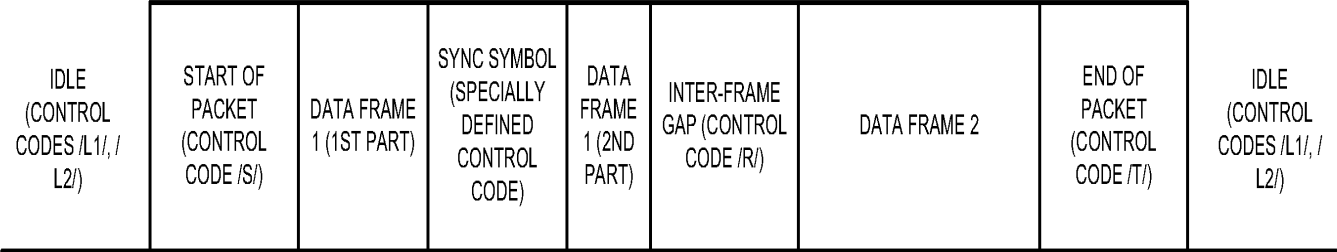


FIG. 2B

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Replacement Sheet



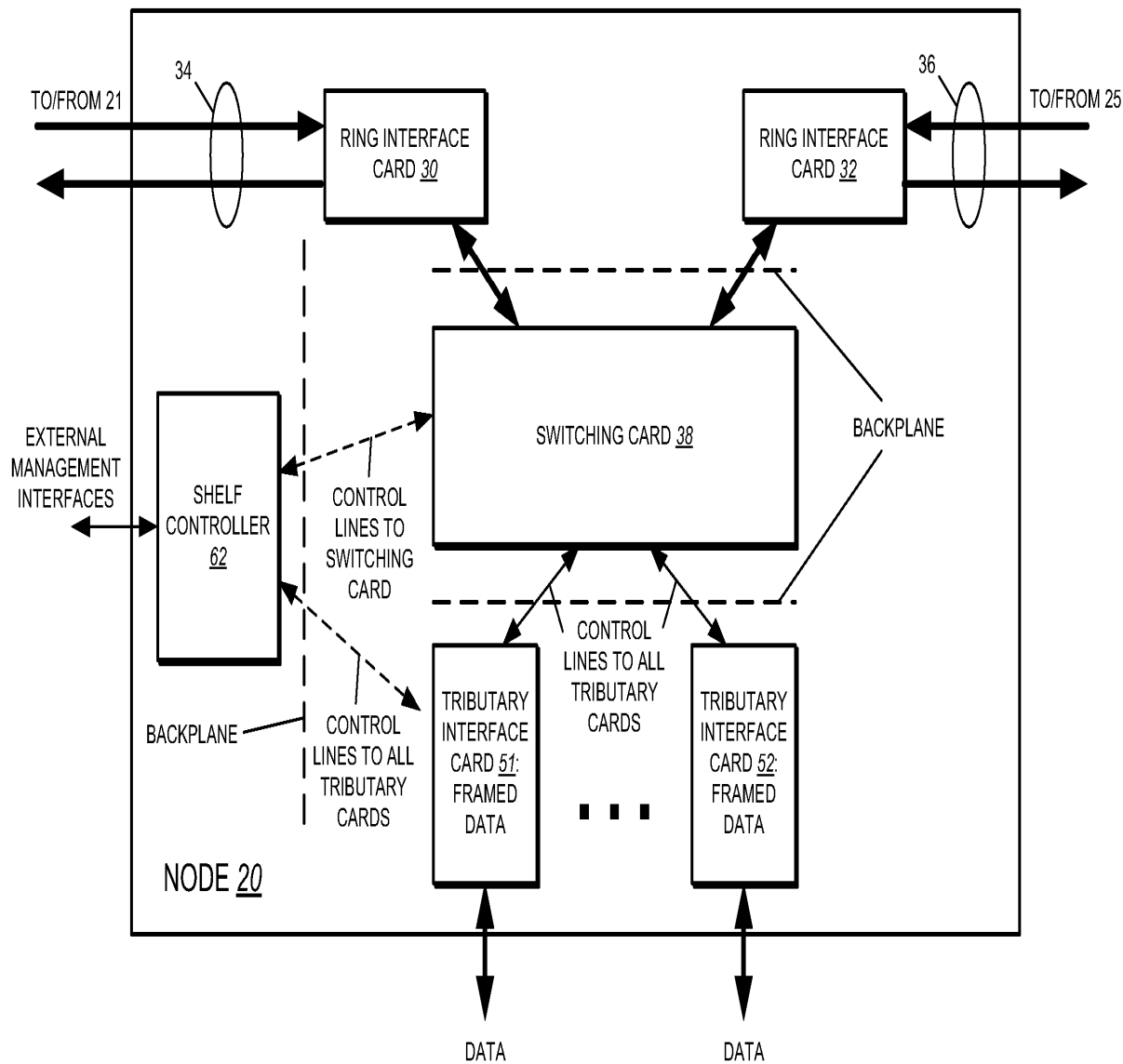
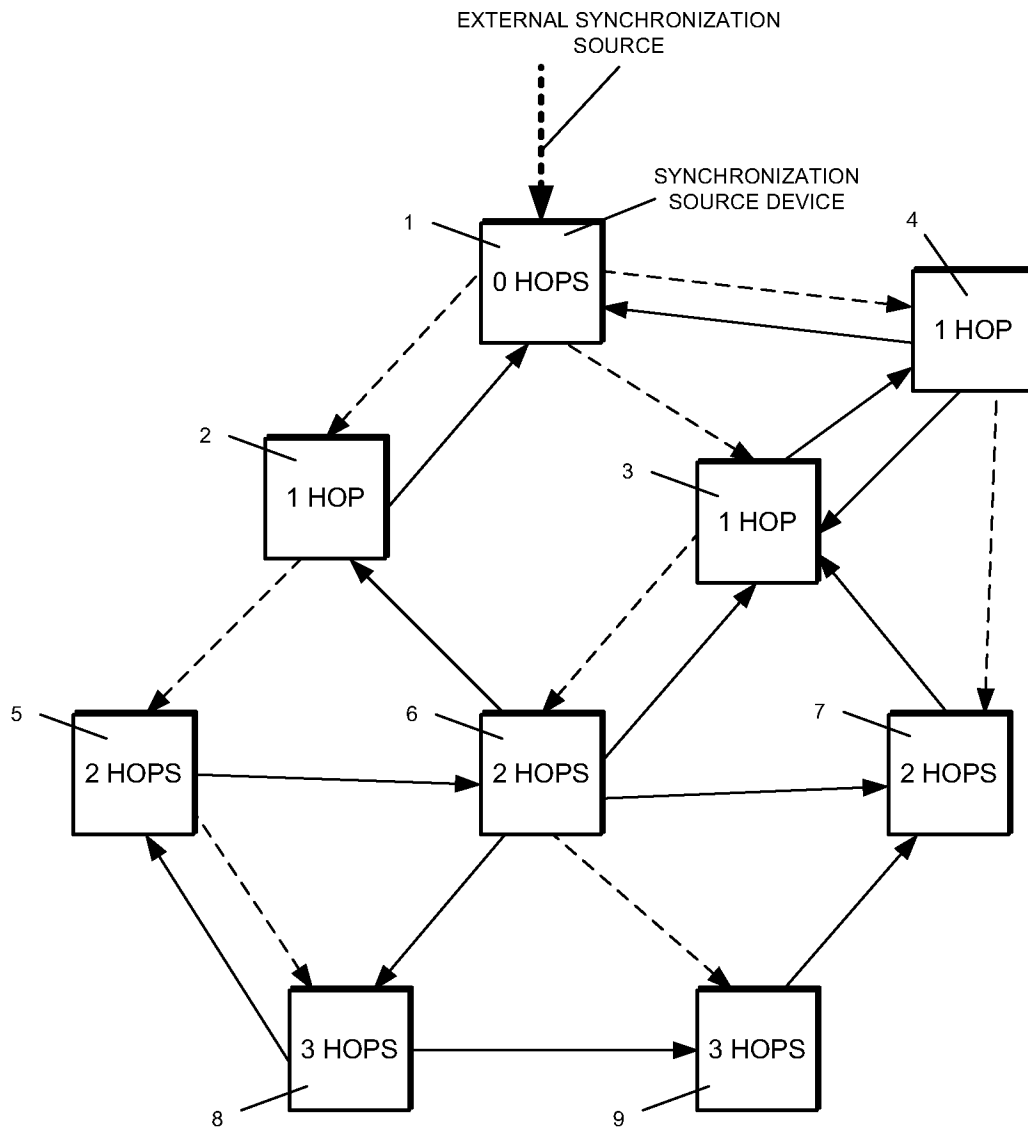


FIG. 3



REPRESENTATIVE SYNCHRONIZATION DISTRIBUTION PATHS SHOWN WITH DOTTED LINES

FIG. 4

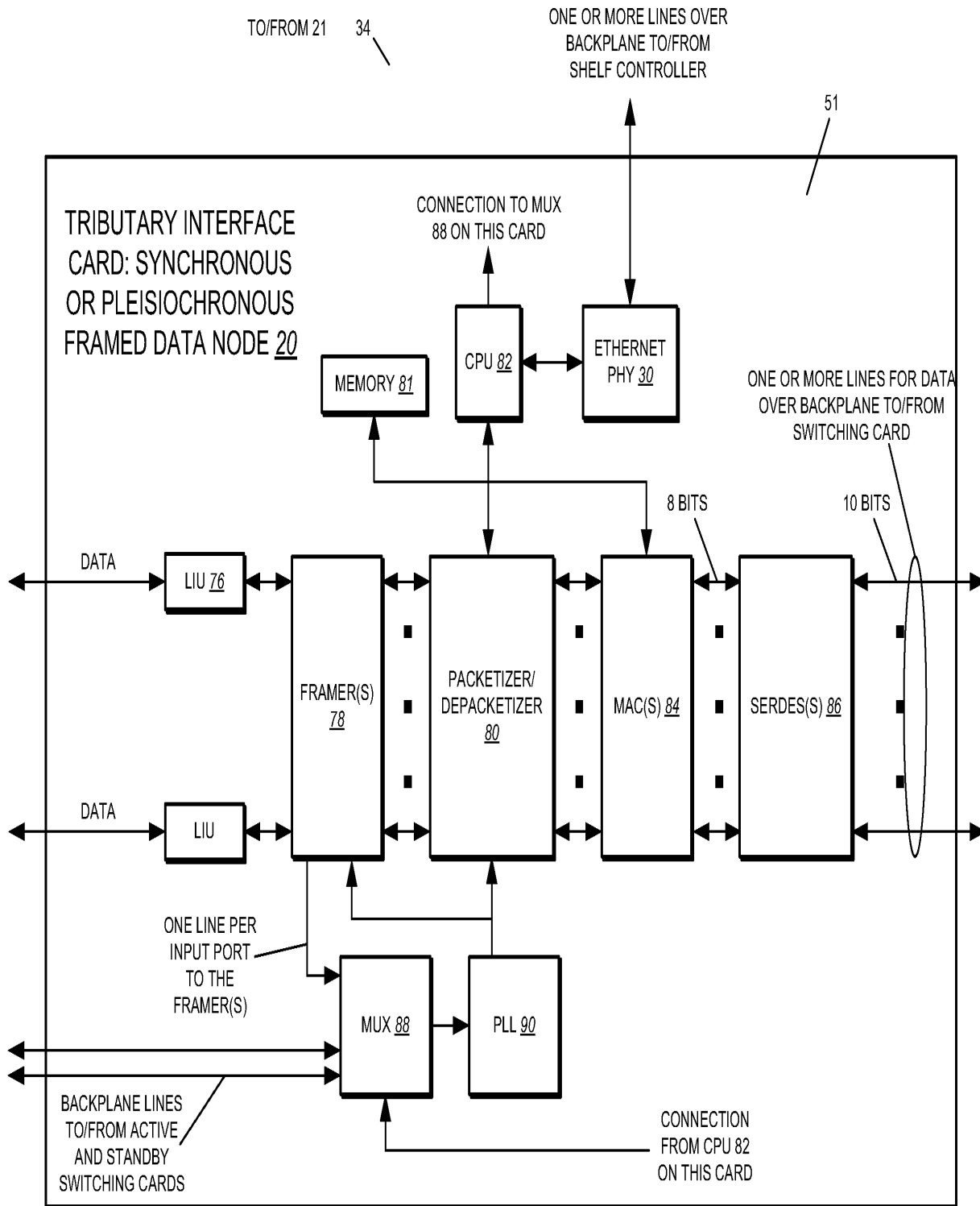


FIG. 5



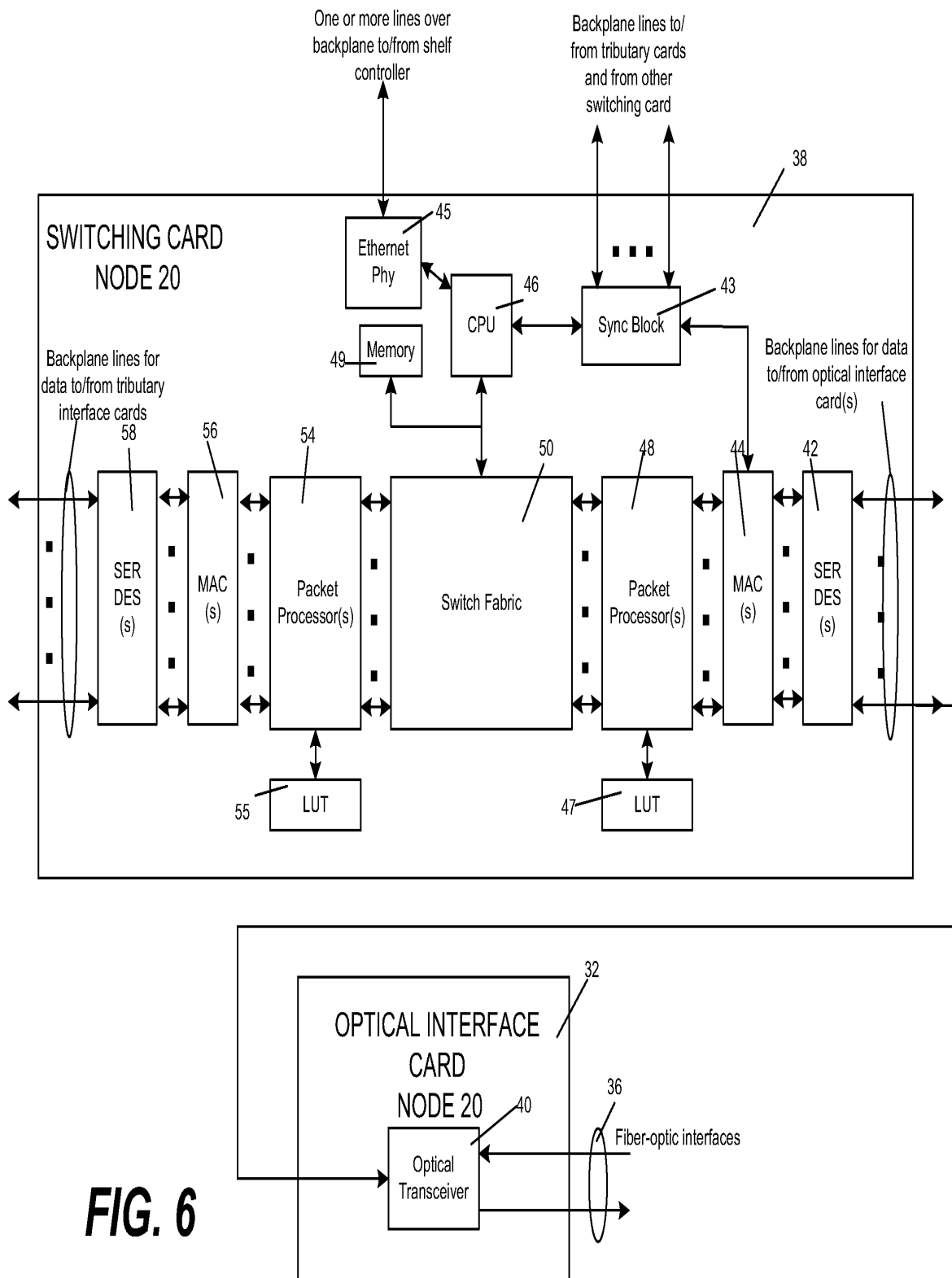


FIG. 6

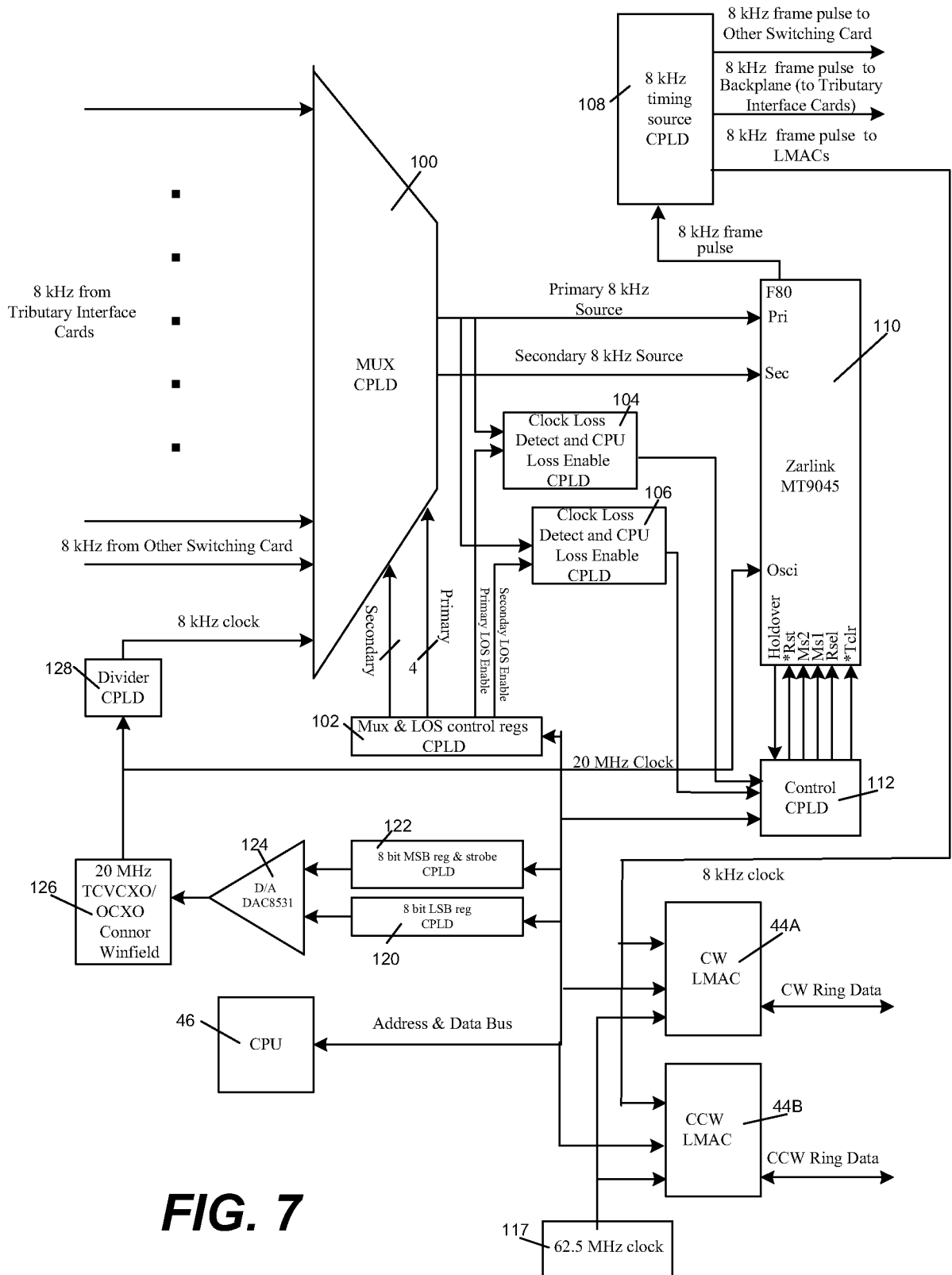


FIG. 7

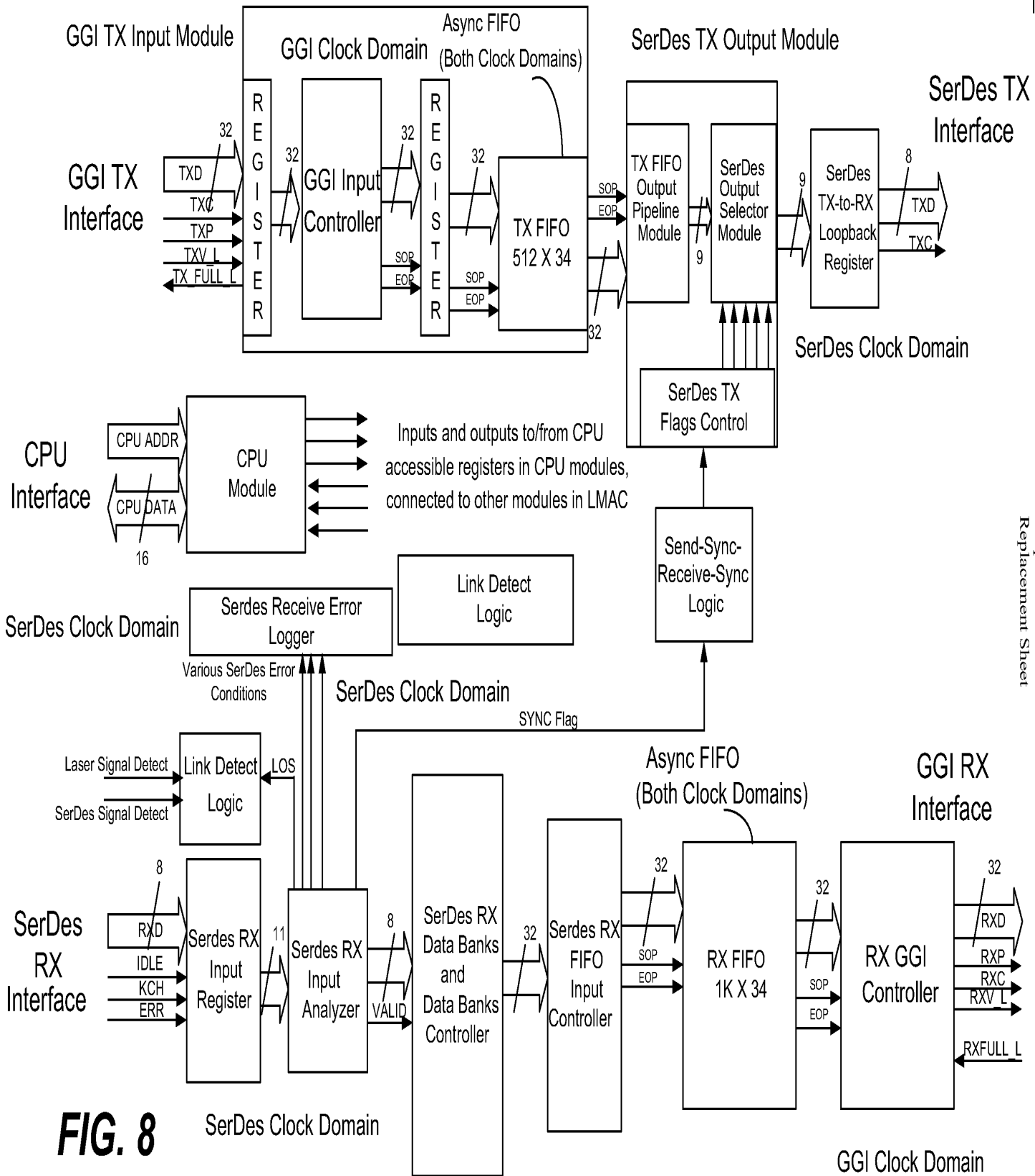


FIG. 8